



## Ontario Pike Fishing

At Kesagami, boats are huge, stable, square-back Scott canoes with plenty of room for anglers, their gear, shore lunch box and camera equipment. Guides are available through the outfitter and a hearty shore lunch built around just-caught golden walleye fillets should be part of any trip here. Kesagami Wilderness Lodge welcomes individuals (no “double occupancy” surcharge), families, physically and/or developmentally challenged persons. The lodge staff will enthusiastically prepare for and attend to the special needs of anglers and guests to insure a memorable visit to Kesagami. The Kesagami wilderness teems with wildlife including wolves, bear, lynx, otter, beaver, fox, marten, fisher and eagles, but the “must-see” here are the woodland caribou which inhabit the area and roam throughout the region. Canoeing, back-lakes fishing and wildlife photography opportunities abound. Remote and unspoiled, Kesagami is unquestionably Ontario’s premier fly-in fishing lodge.

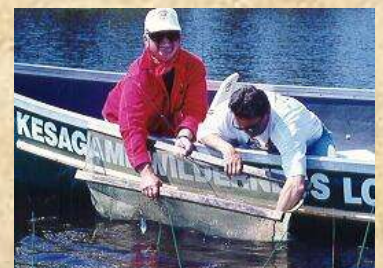
### Conservation Fishing Policy

These lakes support world-class fisheries. At Kesagami, we are serious about maintaining their quality.” A trophy fish is simply too valuable a fish to be caught just once, killed for taxidermy or, heaven forbid, eaten. Kesagami has a zillion, great-eating, 14 to 16 inch walleyes for anglers who enjoy a shore lunch. Putting a trophy fish back strengthens both the trophy population and the gene pool. Big fish – those with the proven ability to survive and grow large – propagate more trophy fish and more exciting angling experiences. Because of the sub-Arctic climate and a very short growing year, the trophy fish of Kesagami Lake take an inordinate amount of time to attain such proportions. A trophy Kesagami pike may be 30 to 40 years of age, a typical shore-lunch walleye ten years. For our conservation efforts to be truly successful, we depend on guests to demonstrate consideration and concern for the fishery, including the careful handling of all fish, selective harvest, and conscientious catch & release practices.



### Northern Pike

Each season, Kesagami anglers catch and release a number of monster northern pike. In the last few years two magnificent 54” fish have been



caught which would have set new Canadian release records had the measurements and suitable photos been submitted. Both fish were photographed and witnessed but both anglers, not wanting to stress and harm these fragile fish, choose to quickly release them and not put them through the rigors of girth and length measurements which can often lead to the death of the fish. Hundreds of trophy pike (36" and larger) are released each season. As a result, the average size of fish caught, has continuously increased each season since our conservation policies have been in effect. The result? A healthier fishery and even better fishing!

The mortality rate of trophy pike has been significantly reduced as a result of better educated anglers who are conscious of proper live-release techniques. We are committed to further improving the rate of successful release through the continuation of a lodge policy mandating the careful handling of fish prior to release. No pike of any size may be kept.



### **Walleye**

As a result of a Ministry of Natural Resources study (1995), the management of Kesagami Wilderness Lodge and the Ontario MNR are making changes to their fishing policies. All walleyes over 16" must be released and no fish are to be taken home. However, shore lunches are considered to be an traditional part of the Kesagami experience and remain integral to any remote fishing experience. The maximum allowable size for walleye kept for shore lunch will be 16 inches (1.5 pounds).



### **Possession Limits**

- All pike must be released.
- 1 or 2 walleyes (up to 16") for shore lunch.
- No fish transported home.
- No live bait may be used.



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